

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-14, 16-21, and 34-37 are currently pending in the present case.

Claims 15 was previously canceled without prejudice.

Claims 22-33 were previously canceled without prejudice in response to a restriction requirement.

Claims 35-37 are added and support is found in claims 6 and 7, among other claims, and thus a new search is not required.

Claims Rejections

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,183,723 to Deters (hereinafter "Deters"), and claims 6-10, 14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deters in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,927,762 to Webb (hereinafter "Webb"). Both rejections rely on Deters, and thus this is the focus of Applicant's response.

Applicant has amended claim 1, the only independent claim among the pending claims, to clarify that the pressure sensor is not associated with the fuel flow path of the submersible turbine pump, as disclosed in Deters. In Deters, as illustrated in Figure 2, the pressure leak detector (41) is coupled to the fuel flow path, which is different than claimed. Applicant has amended other claims to replace "tank monitor" with "control system" for reasons not relating to patentability.

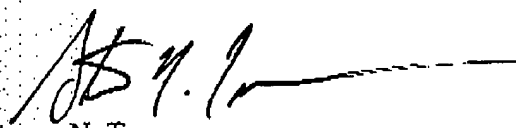
Because Deters does not anticipate the claims, and Webb does not remedy the deficiency, a discussion of Webb is not necessary to overcome the anticipation and obviousness rejections. Applicant reserves the right to address Webb in the future if necessary.

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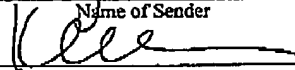
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